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St. Monica's congregation submitted only the membership map for the Diocesan Survey so \_\_\_\_\_ the following report is based primarily upon the data drawn from the Diocesan Journal and from the United States Census Bureau publications.

The property of St. Monica's Church consists of a single combination church and parish hall building in an industrial area adjacent to the University of Pennsylvania. The building is in structurally sound condition, but the property as a whole does not present a particularly attractive appearance.

For the purposes of the Survey, the Census Tract in which St. Monica's is located, 27-D, as well as the adjoining six census tracts, have been designated as the parish area for the congregation. Actually, St. Monica's finds only 5.0% of its 498 mapped members living in that parish area, and since extensive changes are expected during the next few years no analysis of the population or of the characteristics of the area seems to be called for. The following table gives information on the strength of the Episcopal Church in the parish area and of the relative strength of St. Monica's Church. The data in the table has been gathered from a summary of membership maps submitted by the churches in the diocese.

CENSUS TRACT OR ZONE	1960 TOTAL POP.	TOTAL EPIS.	% OF POP. EPIS.	TOTAL PARISH MEMB.	% EPIS. MEMB.	% PARISH MEMB.
27-B	7,337	198	2.7	25	12.6	5.0
27-C	7,700	269	3.5	0	-	-
27-D	2,434	54	2.2	0	-	-
27-E	3,319	14	0.4	0	-	-
46-I	5,998	80	1.3	0	-	-
51-A	-	1	-	0	-	-
51-B	8,822	111	1.3	0	-	-
	35,610	627	1.8	25	4.0	5.0

For purposes of comparison, it should be noted that the Episcopal Church throughout Philadelphia reaches people equal in number to 2.0% of the 1960 population.

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St. Monica's did not submit a Church Self-Study Form so no analysis or comments are possible concerning the life of the congregation.

REPORTED MEMBERSHIP FROM MAPS

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The map submitted by St. Monica's Church shows the place of residence, by Census Tracts, of 498 persons, a figure which should be compared with the 588 baptized members reported in the Diocesan Journal. A majority of the members live in West Philadelphia, although some distance away from St. Monica's. There is a distribution of the members elsewhere throughout the city, and it can be further seen that St. Monica's does not serve its neighborhood in any sense of the word, but does serve a widely scattered constituency.

### MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION TABLE

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REPORTED MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL DATA FROM JOURNALS

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For the purposes of the Diocesan Survey, figures were gathered for every fifth year from 1940 through 1960 and for the next three years. Those figures and computations based on them may be found on the following page. The next few paragraphs are intended to present a brief analysis, rather than to give a detailed summary.

In the case of St. Monica's Church figures, analysis is of questionable value. In 1950, and again in 1961, 1962, and 1963, the baptized membership and the communicant strength are reported as being the same. It is not possible to determine which of the two figures is more likely to be correct. In view of the relative stability of the church school enrollment figures, the rapid rise of the baptized membership figures and the communicant strength figures must be called into some question.

If the communicant strength figures are correct, the ratio of baptisms and of confirmations to the communicants is low, while the average annual expenditures per communicant from 1961 through 1963 are extremely low, the average being \$16.42. The total reported expenditures are surprisingly low for a congregation which shows a total of 498 persons on its membership map.

## VITAL STATISTICS

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	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	1961	1962	1963
Baptized Members	296	291	263	583	534	*	575	578
Communicants	188	252	263	380	492	575	578	588
Church School	117	94	71	80	106	68	112	-
Baptisms	16	6	22	36	18	14	18	22
Percentage of Communicants	8.5	2.4	8.4	9.5	3.7	2.4	3.1	3.7
Confirmations	21	16	9	38	18	11	16	19
Percentage of Communicants	11.2	6.3	3.4	10.0	3.7	1.9	2.8	3.2
Parochial Expenditures 1	1,249	2,921	4,535	7,826	7,325	7,673	6,343	7,234
Special Par. Expenditures 2	234	310	1,586	2,714	613	1,130	721	580
Extra-parochial Expenditures 3	162	475	490	883	1,605	2,955	1266	678
Total Reported Expenditures	1,645	3,706	6,611	11,423	9,543	11,758	8,330	8,492
Expenditures per Communicant	8.75	14.71	25.14	30.06	19.40	20.45	14.41	14.44
Extra-parochial Expenditures per Communicant	0.86	1.88	1.86	2.32	3.26	5.14	2.19	1.15

\* GDRFS ESTIMATE

- 1 Includes clergy salary, current expense, pension premium, and Diocesan assessment.
- 2 Special parish purposes, including capital expenditures.
- 3 Includes Church's Program, special outside.



DATA ON THE CONGREGATION

St. Monica's Church did not submit an Episcopal Census Form so no commentary can be made on the composition of the congregation.

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DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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Because a sufficient amount of data were not received from this congregation there can be no discussion and recommendations made for the parish program nor suggestions as to plans for the future.